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A CHILD POISONED BY ITS MOTHER.

Dr. Lankato held an inquest on the body of Francis J. Gisborne, aged 7 years. Mr. Eliza H. Gisborne, the mother, said that early in the morning deceased had a fit of screaming, to which she gave him a few drops of what she thought was Godfrey's Cordial, but she almost immediately discovered that mistake she had given him laudanum. She had been using the poison to allay the toothache. The court adjourned to the 1st of June.

THE MURDER OF MADAME RIEL.

It is not often that a coroner's Jury inquiring into a startling murder here so clear a case before them as was presented in the inquest on Madame Riel. A verdict of Wilful Murder against Marguerite Blaiblanc, the missing cook, was so evidently suggested by the evidence of Miss Riel and Eliza Watts, that the jury had no difficulty in concluding the inquiry with a verdict to that effect. The story told in the coroner's inquest is tragic in its simplicity. Mademoiselle Riel, a French woman, who had been in the habit of assisting the French place which are now being performed at St. James's Theatre. She appeared there for the last time previous to a short holiday on Saturday evening, the 30th March. After spending Easter week in Paris, she returned with a friend, Madame Guy, to the quiet house in Park Lane, where she and her mother lived together, attended by two servants, Eliza Watts, an English housemaid, and Marguerite Blaiblanc, a French maid. There was nothing to indicate the housekeeper's having been used by the housemaid; who met her young mistress with the very startling question whether she had not seen her mother at the station. Her negative brought out a further question whether she knew any place where Madame Riel was likely to sleep, and an expression of the girl's fear at having been left all night in the house. The daughter, puzzle at her mother's sudden disappearance, but her mother was out of the room. Returning to the kitchen, the housemaid told her, on the authority of the cook, that her mother had locked the door in the coal-cellar and gone out. Half by accident, and with the vague impulse which leads people to look in the most unlikely places when anything is lost, Mademoiselle Riel opened the pantry door, and there lay her mother's cloak. Her last word was that she had been to the principal Port of India, China, and Australia.

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